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See the attached Office communication regarding non-responsive amendment.

***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 8/23/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): For example, in the amendment to the specification, paragraph 20 has been amended, where the text “9B” was not in the original specification. If this text is being added, then **underline** the text. Paragraph 21 has been amended, where the text “9C” was not in the original specification. If this text is being added, then **underline** the text. Paragraph 37, lines 1 and 4, text is being deleted ***improperly***. That is, the text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through **except** that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived.

Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended on line 6 of the claim, where text is being deleted ***improperly***. That is, the text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through **except** that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. Claim 5 has been amended on line 5 of the claim, where the text “register” was not in the claim as originally filed. If this text is being added, then **underline** the text. See 37 CFR 1.111 and **37 CFR 1.121**.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer,

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within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

***Conclusion***

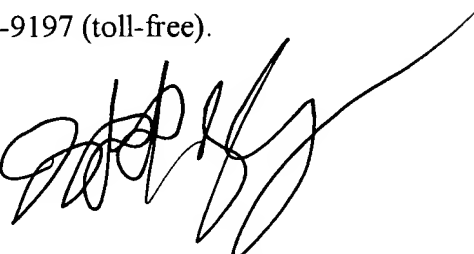
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki, can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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